

REMARKS:

These remarks are submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination of the present application in which claims 1, 5-16 and 19-25 are pending. Claims 1, 5-16 and 19-25 stand finally rejected. Claims 26-28 are newly added.

In the present application, claims 1, 11 and 26 are independent. Claims 5-10 and 19-23 depend, directly or indirectly from claim 1. Claims 12-16 and 24-25 depend, directly or indirectly from claim 11. Claims 27-28 depend from claim 26. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include a recitation that the base includes "a centrally located aperture sized to receive a razor cartridge." Support for this amendment can be found in at least paragraph [0021] of the specification. Claim 11 has also been amended to include a recitation that the base includes "features for attaching the shaving aid cartridge to a razor assembly." Support for this amendment can be found in at least paragraph [0023] of the specification.

While the Applicants maintain their contention that Yin (U.S.P.N. 5,711,076) fails to disclose or teach a soap material of the present application, this amendment is made in the interests of expediting the examination of the present application.

No new matter was added in making the aforementioned amendments.

New claims 26-28 further define the present invention.

Authorization is given to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for the Request for Continued Examination, the excess claims fee and the fee for the two-month extension to Deposit Account 50-4112. The Applicant believes that no additional fees are due with the filing of the present submission, however, if any additional fees are due, please charge the same Deposit Account.

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